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SUBJECT: SHABA ECONOMIC SITREP NO 11

1. FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, SHABA'S ECONOMY
CONTINUES GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT. ONE BANKER PREDICTS
THAT WITHIN TWO - THREE MONTHS RETAIL SALES WILL
REACH NEW PLATEAU OF NORMALCY AT 80-90 PERCENT OF
PRE - DECEMBER LEVELS.

2. GREEK CONSUL COMMENTS THAT ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS
MUCH EASIER TO REACH WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS THAN
WITH NEW PARA-STATAL ORGANIZATIONS. OFFICE NATIONALE
DE PECHE AND OFFICE NATIONALE DE DEVELOPEMENT D'ELEVAGE
OPERATED WITHOUT APPARENT GUIDELINES BY UNTUTORED
PERSONNEL WHOSE MANNER OFTEN MORE VINDICTIVE THAN
CONCILIATORY. ONP, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS ASKED FOREIGN
FISERHMEN TO REMAIN AS EMPLOYEES AT SALARY OF Z100
PER MONTH. VIRTUALLY ALL FISERHMEN HAVE REFUSED
OFFER BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO
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LEAVE. FEW RETAIN ANY HOPE OF RECEIVING COMPENSATION.

3. DIESEL FUEL DELIVERIES FROM LOBITO HAVE SLOWED
TO TRICKLE DURING LAST TWO WEEKS. REASON AS YET UNCLEAR.

4. PER PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE WITH EMBASSY, STATUS OF
SEVERAL AMERICAN OWNED FIRMS IN SHABA REMAINS UNRESOLVED.
FIRMS ARE: PAPAACHARIOUS FISHING ENTERPRISE, ENZA
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BENATAR AGENCY, AND AMATO
FRERES WHICH HAS TRANSFERRED STOCK TO U.S. AFFILIATE.
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